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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): SHIMIZU, Masakatsu; KAWANO, Akio; YAMAMOTO, Eiji

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ESTIMATING PRODUCT COST

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of Twenty (20) pages
- Five (5) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- Applicant does not claim priority
- Applicant claims the right of priority based on Appl. No(s). 2000-192585 filed in Japan on June 27, 2000.
 - Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
 - Certified copy(ies) will follow.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:

a. --This nonprovisional application incorporates by reference the subject matter of Application No. filed in on , on which a priority claim is based under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a).--

b. --This nonprovisional application incorporates by reference the subject matter of U.S. Provisional Application No. on , on which a priority claim is based under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).--

Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

Preliminary Amendment

Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76

Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)

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Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee

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- The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.
- A check in the amount of \$710.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
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The above information is submitted to advise the U.S.P.T.O. of all relevant facts in connection with the present application.

A timely executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow.

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